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1. GENSCHER'S AIDE KINKEL TODAY TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT LAST FRIDAY (MAY 12) DISCUSSED THE NEW DAVID OWEN PROPOSAL AND AGREED THAT GERMANY SHOULD NOT OPPOSE IT.
2. ON THE OTHER HAND, KINKEL SAID, SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER ALSO AGREED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH A HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF THIS KIND TO BE SIMPLY A PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE. THEREFORE, KINKEL SAID, THEY AGREED THAT THE MEETING SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS THERE HAD BEEN SOME SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING, SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS THAT WOULD INDICATE A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE MEETING ITSELF WOULD ALSO YIELD TANGIBLE RESULTS.
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